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DEPARTMENT OF
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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed Corps of Engineers permit application #96-496 for the Port of Portland. The project involves the dredging of up to 100,000 cubic yards of sand and silt over a five year period at Terminal 6, at river mile 102.5 of the Columbia River. Based on the information provided by the applicant, including past sediment chemistry results, DEQ does not anticipate any long term violations of State Water Quality standards, provided the following comments are incorporated into the permit.

The Columbia River is classified as Water Quality Limited (WQL) under the Federal Clean Water Act; water quality concerns exist for temperature, water contact recreation (Fecal coliform), dissolved oxygen, and toxics; and is Salmonid Habitat.

- ✓ 1. Provide the sediment sampling and analysis plan, when available.
- ✓ 2. Provide the sediment chemistry results for the materials to be dredged, along with the disposal plan, for review before dredging occurs.
3. Minimize turbidity during dredging using all practicable control measures.
4. DEQ requires site access on day of request.

The DEQ hereby certifies that this project complies with the Clean Water Act and state water quality standards, if the above conditions are made a part of the Federal permit.

The applicant shall notify the DEQ of any change in the ownership, scope, or construction methods of the project subsequent to certification. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Rosetta (229-5845).

Sincerely,

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